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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1939.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1939.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry, it has been curtailed considerably, but to ensure continuity, the essential statistics are presented as in previous Reports.

The Vital Statistics show a Crude Death Rate of 12.7 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 13.8 for 1938. Cancer was responsible for one-third of the total deaths. The Live Birth Rate was 11.3 per 1000 of the population as compared with 13.2 for 1938. There was one Still-birth. The Infantile Mortality was nil.

No serious outbreak of Infectious Diseases has occurred.

Housing and Overcrowding are dealt with in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

There has been no change in the Industrial Circumstances of your District since my last report.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in Acres	-	-	-	665
Number of Persons per acre	-	-	-	4.26
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, middle of 1939)	-	-	-	2835
Number of inhabited house (1939)	-	-	-	856
Average number of persons per house	-	-	-	3.31
Rateable Value	-	-	-	£19,238
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	-	-	£74

VITAL STATISTICS.

Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.

				Birth Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.
Live Births	Legitimate	Total 32 :	M. 13 F. 19	11.3
	Illegitimate	Nil.	Nil.	

Still-Births, Legitimate, Total 1, F. 1 ; Rate per 1000

Total (live and still-births) - - - 30

Birth Rate, England & Wales, 1939 - - 15.0

Deaths - 36--Males, 18 ; Females, 18 ;

Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated
resident population - - - 12.7

Adjusted Death Rate per 1000 - - 12.3

Death Rate, England & Wales, 1939 - - 12.1

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal causes Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - - Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1000 live births - - Nil.

Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births Nil.

Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

England & Wales - - 50 per 1000

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - - 12

Death Rate from Cancer per 1000 of the population 4.2

Deaths from Measles (all ages) - - Nil.
 Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) - - Nil.
 Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) - Nil.

Ages at which deaths occurred (36).

Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 and over
Nil	Nil	Nil	1	2	14	19

8 of these deaths occurred at ages from 70 to 80 years,
 and 6 over 80 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Return).

DISEASES.	1938		1939	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Small Pox - - -	-	-	-	-
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers -	-	-	-	-
Measles - - -	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever - - -	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough - - -	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria - - -	-	-	-	-
Influenza - - -	-	1	1	-
Encephalitis Lethargica - - -	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever - - -	1	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System -	1	1	-	-
Other Tuberculous Diseases - - -	1	-	-	-
Syphilis - - -	-	-	-	-
General Paralysis of the Insane				
Dorsalis - - -	-	-	-	-
Cancer, Malignant Disease - - -	-	2	8	4
Diabetes - - -	-	2	-	-
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc. - - -	2	-	1	3
Heart Disease - - -	3	4	4	4
Aneurysm - - -	-	-	-	-
Other Circulatory Diseases - - -	1	-	2	2
Bronchitis - - -	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia (all forms) - - -	4	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases - - -	1	-	-	-
Peptic Ulcer - - -	1	-	-	-
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) -	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis - - -	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver - - -	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Liver - - -	-	-	-	1
Other Digestive Diseases - - -	-	1	-	1
Nephritis - - -	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Sepsis - - -	-	-	-	-
Other Puerperal Causes - - -	-	-	-	-
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformation, etc. - - -	-	1	-	-
Senility - - -	2	1	-	2
Suicide - - -	1	-	-	-
Other Deaths from Violence - - -	-	1	1	-
Other defined Diseases - - -	7	-	-	1
Causes ill-defined or unknown -	-	-	-	-
TOTALS - - -	25	15	18	18
	40		36	

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

As 1938

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

As 1938

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

ii (a) Laboratory Facilities :

All Clinical Material sent to the County Bacteriologist.

Bacteriological Examinations :

Number of Specimens sent for Report - 12			
	Total.	Positive.	Negative.
Diphtheria (Swabs)	10	Nil.	10
Sputum	2	1	1

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. As 1938.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. As 1938.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES & CLINICS. As 1938.

HOSPITALS.

PUBLIC. As 1938.

VOLUNTARY.

As 1938.

MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES. As 1938.

TUBERCULOSIS. As 1938.

(i) MIDWIFERY & MATERNITY SERVICES.

As 1938.

(ii) UNMARRIED MOTHERS, HOMELESS AND
ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. As 1938.

(iii) HEALTH VISITORS & ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.

As 1938.

REGISTRATION OF MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.

As 1938.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. As 1938.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. As 1938.

2. RIVERS & STREAMS. As 1938.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

(ii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

*The particulars will be found in the Report of the
Sanitary Inspector.*

(iii) Swimming Baths and Pools. As 1938.

4. SCHOOLS. One Junior School—recently transferred to the
County Council.

5. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. As 1938.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1939.

1. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	21
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2. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

(A)—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :—

(a) By Owners	3
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(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.
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(B).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil.
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil.
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(C).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil.
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(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil.
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4. *Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding :—*

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|-----|-----|--|---|---|---|------|
| (a) | (1) | Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year (1938) | - | - | - | Nil. |
| | (2) | Number of families dwelling therein | - | | | Nil. |
| | (3) | Number of persons dwelling therein | - | | | Nil. |
| (b) | | Number of New Cases of Overcrowding reported during the year | - | - | - | Nil. |
| (c) | (1) | Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year | - | - | - | Nil. |
| | (2) | Number of persons concerned in such cases | - | | | Nil. |
| (d) | | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | - | - | - | Nil. |

HOUSING CONDITIONS AND OVERCROWDING

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

SECTION E.**INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

- (a) Milk Supply ;
- (b) Meat and other foods

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

- (c), (d) Adulteration, etc. Food & Drugs Acts, etc.—are administered by the County Council.
- (e) Nutrition : No action has been taken.
- (f) Shell Fish : Little, if any, sold in the District.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(2) NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1939.

DISEASE.	Total No. of Cases.	AGES.											Cases sent to Hos- pital.	Deaths	
		under 1 year	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.			65 and over
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scarlet Fever ...	11	-	-	1	-	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	
Diphtheria ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Enteric Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	
Pneumonia ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Erysipelas ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Encephalitis ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals ...	19	-	-	1	-	-	11	-	6	1	-	-	9	1	

The above include Patients from outside Districts notified while patients in the Corbett Hospital, viz. :—Scarlet Fever, 4 ; Diphtheria, 1 ; Erysipelas, 1 ; Puerperal Pyrexia, 1 ; Pneumonia, 1 ; Encephalitis, 1.

5. (a) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. As 1938.

(b) **TUBERCULOSIS, 1939.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M	F.	M.	F.	M	F
0 under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 10 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 15 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 20 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25 „	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55 „	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 65 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Arrangements have been made with the County Education Authorities for immunisation of Scholars against Diphtheria. The School Doctor treats the children and the Council provide the Prophylactic. 46 Scholars were "immunised."

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. SIMPKISS,

Medical Officer of Health.

April, 1941.

Amblecote Urban District Council.

Annual Report

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector

For the Year 1939.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit an abbreviated report for the Year 1939 as follows :—

Sanitary Accommodation.

Houses provided with Water Closets	-	840	} 858
Houses provided with Pan Closets	-	5	
Houses provided with Privies	-	13	
Houses provided with separate Water Closets		709	
Houses provided with Water Closets in common		131	

Scavenging and Household Refuse.

58 Defective Dust Bins have been replaced. 2 Statutory Notices under Sec. 75 P.H.A. 1936 were served.

Housing.

The number of Houses is the same as 1938. No Houses have been built either by Private Enterprise or the Local Authority nor are any in course of erection.

Housing Conditions.

The houses in your District may be classified as follows :—

Houses with one Bedroom	-	-	1	} 858
Houses with two Bedrooms	-	-	327	
Houses with three Bedrooms	-	-	443	
Houses with more than three Bedrooms			87	

The following Houses have been rendered fit for human habitation :—Informal Action—Nos. 36, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 60, 61, 62, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, Brettell Lane ; Nos. 30, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, King William Street. Statutory Action Sec. 9 H.A. 1936—80, 105, 106, Brettell Lane. Work is in progress at 59, 60, 61, 62, High Street and 93, Collis Street. Houses vacated awaiting owners decision—Nos. 47, 47A, 48, 49, High Street and 132, King William Street. No. 3, Bagleys Road, has been closed by the Owner.

Overcrowding—No cases dealt with.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Etc.

No action necessary.

Water Supply.

All premises receive a continuous and pure supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes from the Stourbridge and District Water Board. The principal Bore Holes (at Wollaston Road and Mill Meadow) are situated in your District. The Engineer and Manager to the Board has samples of the Water taken at frequent intervals and supplies Copies of the Analyses.

Milk, Dairies and Cowsheds.

The following suppliers are registered :—Producer Retailers, 2 ; Retail Purveyors, 2.

Milk—Special Designations Order 1 Licence issued to sell “Accredited Milk.”

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

One Slaughter-house as 1938.

Notices of Slaughter given :—Beasts, 83 ; Sheep & Lambs, 411 ; Swine, 62.

Carcases examined :—Beasts, 81 ; Sheep and Lambs, 393 ; Swine, 60.

Percentage examined 96%.

Surrenders of Unsound Meat : 1 Heifer (560 lbs.) Tuberculosis (generalised) ; 12 Ox Livers, 10 Sheeps Livers and Offals, 1 Pig (63 lbs.) Septicæmia, and 8 Swine Offals.

Precautions Against Infectious Diseases.

Houses (or Rooms) Disinfected	-	-	7
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Patients removed to Isolation Hospital :—

Diphtheria	-	-	-	1	} 8
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	7	

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HAROLD PIPER,

Sanitary Inspector.

April, 1941.

